

UPDATE ON DBIS PROGRAMS

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Hello

Although many of our services have continued throughout the pandemic with some changes, as the province moves into Stage 3 we have been working on restarting some of the activities and services that have been on hold or reduced since mid-March. We will also continue to offer a variety of virtual services.

Our plans include the implementation of a variety of new screening and safety measures, and changes to some of our physical spaces, as our fundamental priority is the safety of all clients and staff, as well as the families/friends and other care partners that support them.

Provided the London area continues to have a small number of COVID cases and limited community transmission we are proceeding with the following:

Our Residential Programs began welcoming visitors (1/day/client) on July 1st and beginning on July 31st short and long term leaves of absence will also resume. Volunteer visitors will also begin returning to this program. Community outings and group activities are also increasing over the next few weeks.

All of our programs Residential, Community Transitional and Intensive Community Transitional are now accepting admissions based on the availability of human resources to meet the needs. As well we will again be offering short stay respite in one of the Residential sites. Clients must have a negative COVID test for admission.

We began offering in-home respite services a few weeks ago, and will be expanding that service over the next few weeks as well.

Our offices at the Nigel and Rhonda Gilby Centre for New Tomorrows (CNT) on Saskatoon Street will be reopening in August, however many staff will continue to work from home where possible. As we get into September we will determine whether we will have additional volunteers and/or students involved with our programs.

We are hoping to open a new format of our Group Services and Life After Stroke programming at CNT in early September. This will include much smaller, more contained groups and limited days available for attendance, in order to enable the maximum number of people to have the opportunity for one day/week. All members of the Group Services program will be contacted over the next 7-10 days to determine their needs and preferences for attending.

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work through plans over the next several weeks. We do have some physical infrastructure and human resource constraints, however will do the best we can to maximize our resources to ensure that we can safely provide an increased number of services and meet more of people's needs.

Please be aware that if any circumstances change we may need to reduce services again.

If you have questions please contact 519-668-0023 x 300

Take good care,



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